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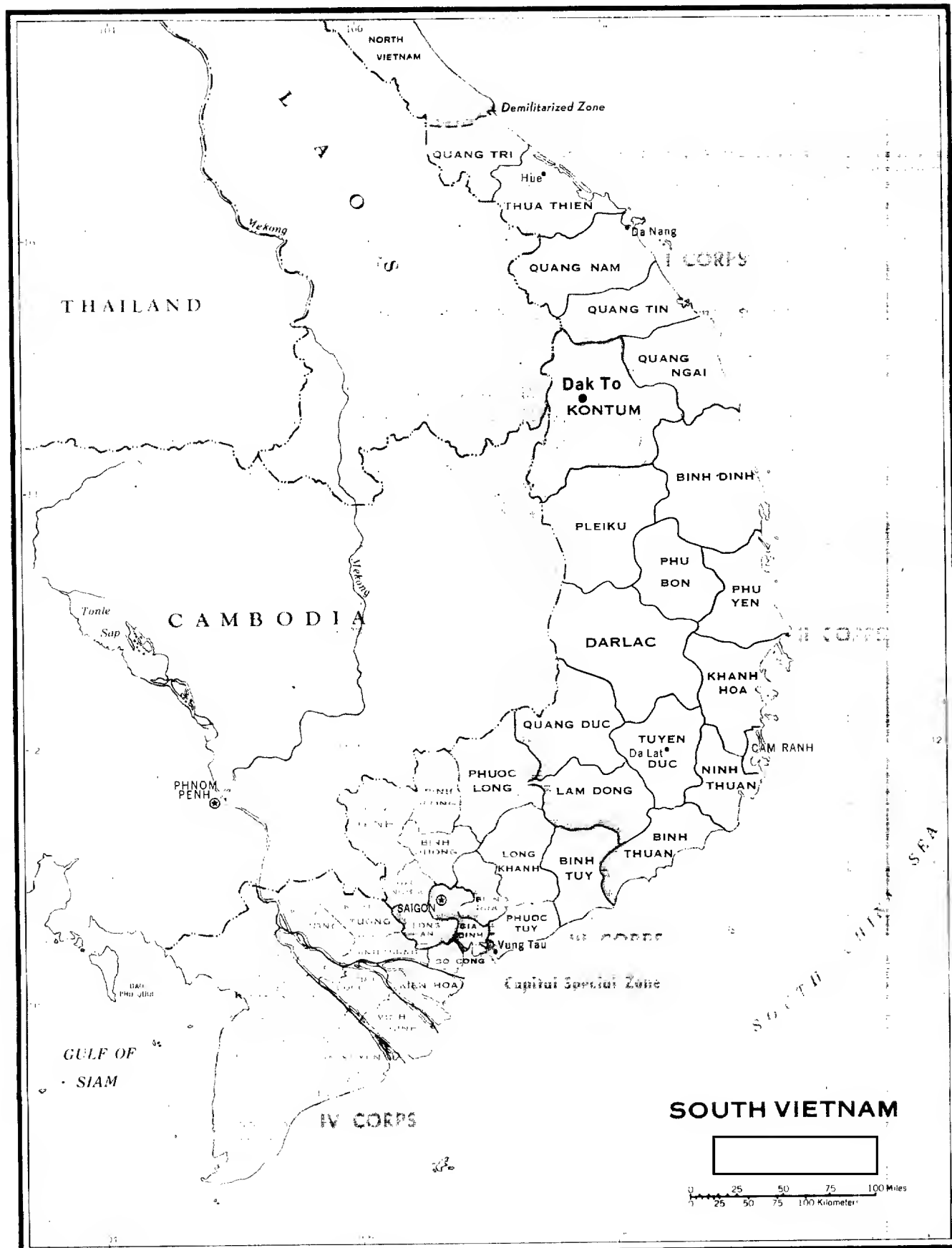
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\*Vietnam:

South Vietnam: Fighting in the Dak To area continued on 21 November with an intensive mortar barrage against the US 173rd Airborne Brigade.

Five US paratroopers were killed and 47 wounded in the barrage at Hill 875, approximately 19 miles southwest of Dak To. US losses have been heavy in the three-day battle for the hill, the summit of which is still in enemy hands. Massive artillery barrages and airstrikes have been directed at the Communist positions and it is estimated that their losses have also been heavy although only 17 bodies have been counted thus far.

Fighting in the Dak To sector since 1 November has resulted in a total of some 1,152 enemy killed, against 246 US killed. [REDACTED] (Map)

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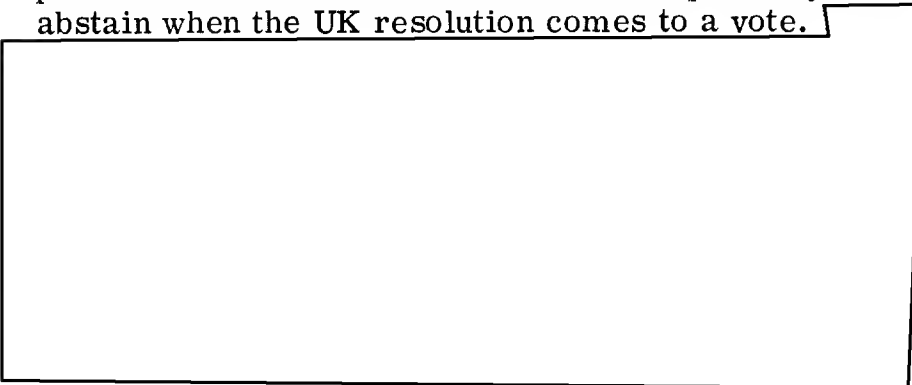
\*USSR-UN: The introduction of a new Soviet resolution on the Middle East appears to have disconcerted various Arab delegations at the UN.



The Jordanians and Egyptians appeared dismayed when they learned subsequently of the Soviet resolution, which obviously had little chance of winning the approval of the key parties.



Moscow's move appears to be largely an effort to divorce itself from the UK resolution--which the Soviets probably think will bring political credit to the US--and go on record with its own proposal supporting the original bargaining position of the Arabs. The Soviets have steadfastly encouraged the Arabs to accept a political settlement linking Israeli troop withdrawal to an end to the Arab state of belligerency. Moscow is known to favor sending a special UN mediator to the Mid-East. In any event, the Soviets are unlikely to press their resolution much further and probably will abstain when the UK resolution comes to a vote.



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Israel-Jordan: The recent clashes between Israeli and Jordanian forces will further complicate Jordan's efforts to prevent terrorists from infiltrating Israel and the West Bank.

Israeli shelling of an Arab refugee camp just across the Jordan River cease-fire line killed 14 Jordanians on 20 November.

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Increased terrorism would almost certainly bring new Israeli retaliation. While there is no indication that Israeli action is imminent, the Israelis are capable of assembling sufficient forces to strike at Jordan and Syria in a matter of hours.

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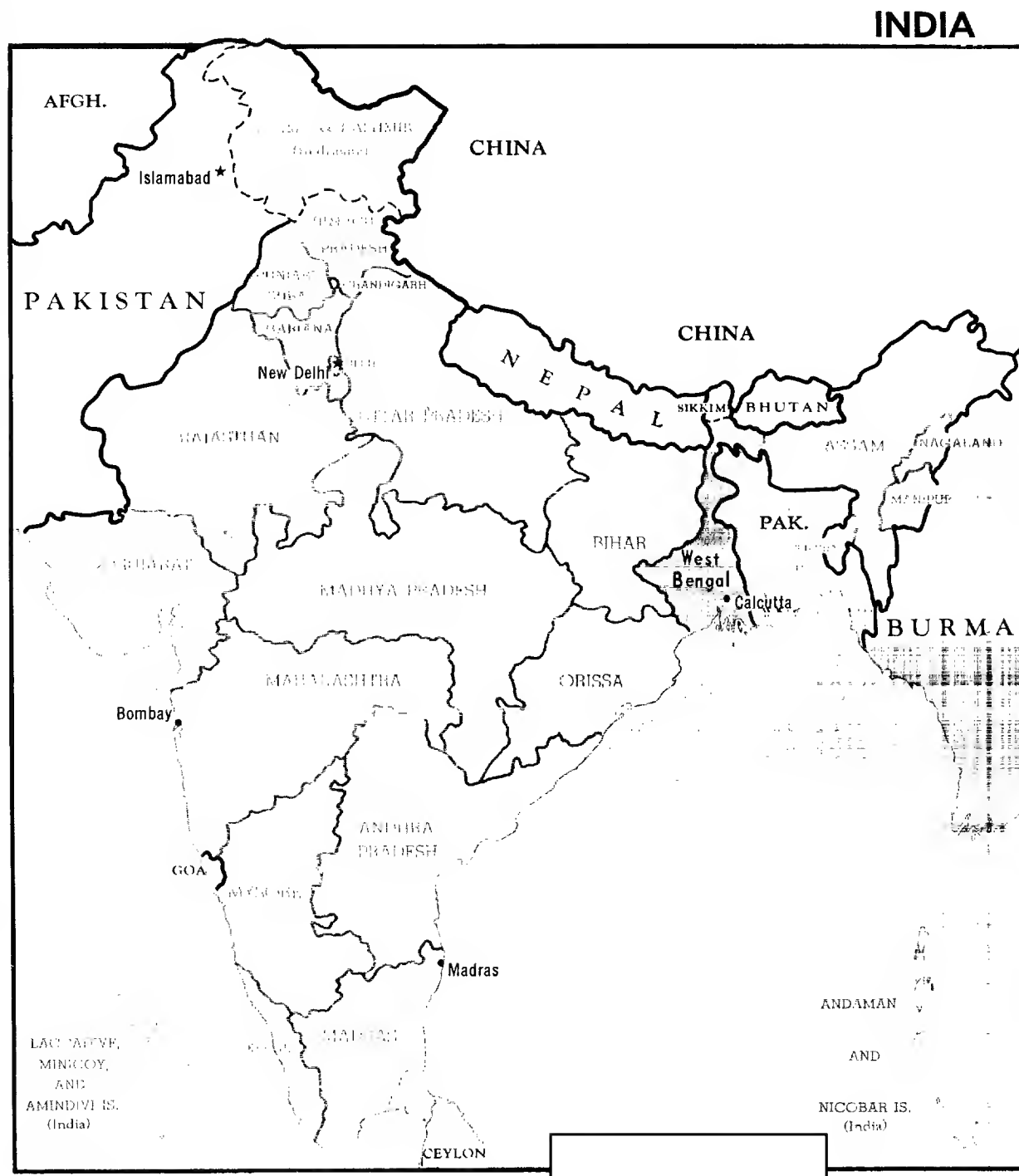
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India: The dismissal of the West Bengal coalition government could seriously worsen the already tense political situation in that populous and strategic state.

The West Bengal governor dismissed the tottering eight-month-old coalition government yesterday, and appointed P. C. Ghosh as chief minister. Ghosh, the former food minister, had resigned two weeks ago, along with his followers, stripping the regime of its majority in the state assembly; presumably he has a commitment of support from the Congress Party. The new government will face a test of strength when the state assembly is convened on 29 November.

In the meantime, the radical left Communists (CPI/L)--who had been the largest element in the ousted coalition--probably will take their grievances to the streets. CPI/L leaders have repeatedly threatened violence in the event the coalition was forced from office, and last week issued a virtual call to arms against the "Government of India and Congress Party conspiracy."

West Bengal, and especially the teeming port city of Calcutta, have been tense for several months and the situation could easily become explosive as a result of current developments. The new government has imposed special security regulations in the Calcutta area, alerted police and military units, and arrested at least one top-ranking CPI/L leader. The army and police should be able to contain any violence although there might be considerable bloodshed.

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OAU-Nigeria: After much prodding by Haile Selassie, four of the six African heads of state in the Organization for African Unity (OAU) mission to Nigeria are scheduled to arrive in Lagos today. The mission, established by the OAU in September, will talk with federal authorities in an attempt to find ways to end the war. The Gowon regime, opposed to any OAU mediatory role, has agreed only reluctantly to receive the mission, but the presence of these African leaders may generate sufficient pressure on Lagos to permit the OAU to play some role. [REDACTED]

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South Korea: Party negotiators, seeking to end the opposition boycott of the National Assembly, announced an agreement on 20 November which could break a five-month political impasse. The opposition New Democratic Party (NDP) expressed willingness to enter the assembly in return for assurances the government will take steps to satisfy its grievances. The agreement does not refer to some of the major issues at stake, however. This, along with squabbling in both the ruling and opposition parties, may delay the seating of the NDP assemblymen. [REDACTED]

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